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Letter dated 1 November 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I enclose herewith the legislative decree issued on 29 October 2005 by His Excellency Mr. Bashar Al-Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic, establishing the Syrian special judicial commission to deal with all matters relating to the mission of the International Independent Investigation Commission established pursuant to resolution 1595 (2005) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Fayssal **Mekdad**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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LEGISLATIVE DECREE No. 96

The President of the Republic,

Acting in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution,

Hereby decrees the following:

Article 1: A special judicial commission, presided over by the Attorney General of the Republic and having as its members the Military Attorney General and a judge nominated by the Minister of Justice, shall be formed in order to take directly in hand the procedures of the investigation of Syrian persons, both civilian and military, in all matters related to the mission of the International Independent Investigation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1595 (2005) of 7 April 2005.

Article 2: The commission referred to in article 1 of the present Legislative Decree shall cooperate with the International Independent Investigation Commission and with the Lebanese judicial authorities in all matters related to the investigation procedures referred to herein.

Article 3: The commission may have recourse, in carrying out its mandate, to the services of such civilian and military judges and civilian and military judicial officers as it may see fit.

Article 4: The present Legislative Decree shall be published and shall enter into force as from the date of its issuance.

Damascus, 26 Ramadan A.H. 1426, corresponding to 29 October A.D. 2005.

Bashar Al-Assad
President of the Republic

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Letter dated 2 November 2005 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the members of the Security Council have authorized Ambassador Kenzo Oshima (Japan), in his capacity as Chairman of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Security Council, to visit the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea from 6 to 9 November, 2005. The members of the Council have agreed on the terms of reference of his mission (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Andrey I. **Denisov**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

Terms of reference

1. Concerned by the difficulties that the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) has been facing as a result of the recent developments regarding the Mission's freedom of movement, the Security Council has authorized Ambassador Kenzo Oshima, Chairman of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Security Council, to visit UNMEE separately from the Council's mission to Central Africa. He will visit UNMEE offices and, if feasible, UNMEE positions in the Temporary Security Zone.

2. Acting on behalf of the Security Council, Ambassador Oshima will meet with UNMEE officials and those representing troop contributors, and exchange views with them on the situation on the ground and the activities of UNMEE. He will convey to UNMEE officials and those representing troop contributors the Council's unequivocal support for their work and appeal to them to persevere in maintaining their presence, despite the immense difficulties UNMEE is facing, to avoid a possible deterioration of the situation, while all the necessary steps are being taken to alleviate operational problems.

3. Ambassador Oshima will thereafter report back to the Security Council on his findings.

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I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1630 (2005) of 14 October 2005 concerning Somalia. In paragraph 3 of that resolution, the Council requested me to re-establish, in consultation with the Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia, within 30 days from the date of the adoption of the resolution, and for a period of six months, the Monitoring Group referred to in paragraph 3 of resolution 1558 (2004) to undertake the mandate set out in subparagraphs 3 (a) to (i) of resolution 1630 (2005).

Accordingly I wish to inform you that, after consultations with the Committee, I have appointed the following experts:

Melvin E. Holt, Jr. (United States of America)
Harjit Singh Kelley (Kenya)
Joel Salek (Colombia)
Bruno Schiemsky (Belgium)

I should be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1632 (2005) concerning Côte d'Ivoire, which was adopted on 18 October 2005. By paragraph 1 of that resolution, the Security Council decided to extend to 15 December 2005 the mandate of the Group of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1584 (2005), and requested me to take the necessary administrative measures in that regard.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that I have reappointed the members of the Group of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1584 (2005) for a period ending on 15 December 2005. The members of the Group of Experts are:

Atabou Bodian (Senegal)
Alex Vines (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Jean-Pierre Witty (Canada)

I should be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Letter dated 1 November 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letters dated 18 April and 12 September 2005 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations (S/2005/274 and S/2005/597, respectively), and the annexes to the said letters, I have the honour to state that the Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the baseless claims of the United Arab Emirates regarding the Iranian islands of Abu Musa, the Greater Tunb and the Lesser Tunb and reiterates that these islands are integral and eternal parts of Iranian territory; the contents of the annexes to the said letters regarding these Iranian islands are totally baseless and void of any legal value.

The Islamic Republic of Iran continues to believe that continuation of positive and constructive negotiations between the Iranian Government and the relevant officials of the United Arab Emirates will lead to the expansion of bilateral relations between the two countries in various fields, and will help to remove any misunderstanding between the two countries with regard to the implementation of the 1971 memorandum of understanding between Iran and Sharja about the Iranian island of Abu Musa.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**
Permanent Representative

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